GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2973
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DELINKING OF BLOOD FROM DRUG CATEGORY
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to delink blood from drug category;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Human blood is transfused for various disorders like anemia, haemorrhage, thalessimia etc. and to compensate for extreme loss of blood. Schedule C of the Drugs and Cosmetic Rules covers all such preparations, which are meant for parenteral administration. Considering the mode of administration and use of Human Blood, it falls within the definition of `Drug` under Section 3 b (I) of Drugs and Cosmetic Act 1940 and its standards are prescribed in the Indian Pharmacopoeia.